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      VERONA PARTNERS, LLC; GOLDEN
      GATE VI' MULTI STRATEGY FUND, LP;
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      GOLDEN GATE VI' MULTI STRATEGY
      OFFSHORE FUND, LTO; GOLDEN GATE
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      6/21/2002; AND, ORION VI' ABSOLUTE
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      RETURN FUND, LP,
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                    Plaintiffs
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      v.
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       TENET CAPITAL PARTNERS
       CONVERTIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FUND,
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       LP; TENET ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC;
       JON E. HANKINS; AND, OLYMPIA
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       CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, LP,
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                    Defendants.
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Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page2 of 24 LP; Golden Gate VP Multi Strategy Offshore Fund, Ltd.; Golden Gate Financial Group, LLC; 2 Golden Gate Financial Group Profit Sharing 40 IK Plan and Trust dated 6/21/2002, and, Orion VP 3 Absolute Return Fund, LP (collectively "Plaintiffs"), and allege as follows: 4 5 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 1. The amount in controversy, exclusive of interests and costs, exceeds \$75,000. 6 7 2. This Court has diversity jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 V.S.C. § 1332. Subject-matter jurisdiction in this case is also founded on 28 V.S.C. § 1331 (federal question 8 9 jurisdiction). 10 3. Personal jurisdiction and venue in this case are governed by Section 27 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 Act, as amended (the "1934 Act") which confers jurisdiction II 12 in the district courts over violations of federal securities law. Title 15 V.S.c. § 78aa (1988). Civil suit may be brought in any district "wherein any act or transaction constituting the violation 13 14 occurred" or "herein the defendant is found or is an inhabitant or transacts business." Section 27 15 also provides for nationwide service of process for claims of violations of federal securities law. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because misrepresentations and non-disclosures, 16 17 constituting violation of the securities laws, occurred in this judicial district. 18 **PARTIES** 4. Plaintiff Verona Partners, LLC ("Verona") is a California Limited Liability Company 19 with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California. Verona invested in the 20 21 Opportunities Fund, as set forth below. 5. Plaintiff Golden Gate VP Multi Strategy Fund, LP ("Onshore Fund") is a Delaware 22 23 Limited Partnership with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California. The general 24 partner of Golden Gate LP is Golden Gate Alternative Asset Management Group, LLC, The 25 Onshore Fund invested in the Opportunities Fund, as set forth below. 26 6. Plaintiff Golden Gate VP Multi Strategy Offshore Fund, LTD ("Offshore Fund") is a 27 Cayman Islands Corporation. The Offshore Fund maintains a place of business in San Francisco, 28 California. The Offshore Fund invested in the Opportunities Fund, as set forth below. rOMPI AINT

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs Verona Partners, LLC; Golden Gate VP Multi Strategy Fund,

2	7. Plaintiff Golden Gate Financial Group LLC Profit Sharing 401K Plan and Trust Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page3 of 24 dated 6/21/2002 ("Profit Sharing Plan") is an ERISA Plan under the Employee Retirement Income
3	Security Act of 1974. Its principal place of business is in San Francisco, California. The Profit
4	Sharing Plan invested in the Opportunities Fund, as set forth below.
5	8. Plaintiff Orion VI' Absolute Return Fund, LP is a Delaware Limited Partnership
6	("Return Fund") with its principal place of business in San Francisco. The Return Fund invested in
7	the Opportunities Fund. The general partner of the Return Fund is Orion Alternative Asset
8	Management, LLC.
9	9. Defendant Tenet Capital Partners Convertible Opportunities Fund, LP
10	("Opportunities Fund or "Fund") is a Delaware limited partnership. Tenet Asset Management, LLC
11	("Tenet") is its general partner and investment adviser. Upon information and belief, since its
12	inception on April 1, 2004, 17 investors invested a net total of approximately \$22 Million in the
13	Opportunities Fund and as of May 31,2005, the Opportunities Fund had approximately \$9.9
14	Million in net assets.
15	10. Defendant Tenet Asset Management, LLC ("Tenet") is a Delaware limited liability
16	company with its principal place in Knoxville, Tennessee. Tenet is the investment advisor to and
17	General Partner of the Opportunities Fund.
18	11. Defendant Jon E. Hankins ("Hankins") founded the Opportunities Fund in 2004. As
19	the principal and managing member, Hankins controls all of Tenet's operations and makes all of
20	the investment decisions with respect to all Tenet Funds, including the Opportunities Fund. Upon
21	information and belief, Hankins is not registered as an investment advisor or in any other capacity
22	under the Tennessee Securities Act of 1980 or the laws of California. Plaintiff is informed and
23	believes and on that basis alleges that Hankins is a resident of Tennessee.
24	12. Defendant Olympia Capital Associates, LP ("Olympia") is the professional fund
25	administrator for the Opportunities Fund. Olympia was engaged by Tenet to provide administrative
26	and related services to the Opportunities Fund, including, but not limited to, preparing and
27	forwarding, monthly and or other periodic account and net asset value (NAV) statements to
28	investors in the Opportunities Fund, including Plaintiffs. Olympia maintains principal offices in
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New York.

13. The Plaintiffs join herein against Defendants because they assert rights to relief jointly arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, and or series of transactions and or occurrences and because questions of law or fact are common to all Plaintiffs and common causes of action arise out of the common facts. In engaging in the activities alleged herein each Defendant was acting as the authorized agent of the other.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 14. Each Plaintiff is a fund of hedge funds, with the exception of the Profit Sharing Plan, which is an employee pension plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Each Plaintiff invested in the Opportunities Fund seeking conservative, fully hedged, non-directional, diversified, non-volatile investments. Each Plaintiffs objective was preservation of capital and each Plaintiffs risk tolerance was moderately low.
- 15. Plaintiffs invest in different hedge funds having different investment parameters, styles, strategies and risk profiles in order to achieve diversification.
- 16. Plaintiffs use the services of financial institutions ("Counterparties") to assemble a "reference basket" of hedge funds. Plaintiffs instruct and direct the Counterparties as to the specific hedge funds to invest in or "place" in the "reference basket" on Plaintiffs' behalf, as well as the timing and amounts of the investments. As part of the transaction, Plaintiffs then purchase an over-the-counter derivative option ("Hedge Fund Option") or total return equity swap ("Hedge Fund Swap") (collectively "Hedge Fund Derivative(s)") from the Counterparties based on the "reference basket." The value of the Hedge Fund Derivative is directly based upon and proportionate to the "reference basket" and does not trade independent of the "reference basket." Plaintiffs adjust the composition of the reference basket as they determine appropriate. Plaintiffs use the services of the Counterparties for leverage and for financing purposes.
- 17. Hedge Fund Derivatives present all the risks of a direct investment in the underlying hedge fund. Factors adversely affecting the value of the underlying hedge fund will adversely affect the value of the corresponding. Hedge Fund Derivative.
 - 18. Plaintiffs used the services of the RBC Capital Markets Corporation, as agent for

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Royal Bank of Canada	(collectively	"RBC"), V	Wachovia	Capital	Markets,	LLC, as agen	t for
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Wachovia Bank, Nation	nal Associatio	n (collectiv	vely "Wa	chovia")	and Ban	k of America	Securities,

- 3 LLC, as agent for Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank of America") as Counterparties.
- 4 19. At all times relevant, Tenet knew Plaintiffs were investing in the Opportunities
- 5 Fund through RBC, Wachovia and Bank of America.
- 6 20. On or about May 28, 2004, Plaintiffs received from Lehman Brothers Capital
- 7 ("Lehman") various sales and promotional information regarding Tenet, Hankins and the
- 8 Opportunities Fund ("Tenet Pitch Book") prepared by Hankins and Tenet. The Pitch Book was
- 9 prepared for dissemination to prospective investors in the Opportunities Fund.
- 10 21. The Tenet Pitch Book represented Tenet's investment strategy in the Opportunities
- Fund as (I) low volatility, (2) consistent above average returns (15-20% in all market conditions),
- 12 (3) eliminating or reducing underlying equity risk of the convertible bond while achieving equity
- 13 type returns, (4) mitigating risk through diversification, (5) non-directional, (6) neutral hedged, and
- 14 (7) yield advantaged.

- 15 22. According to the Tenet Pitch Book, the Opportunities Fund would invest in
- 16 convertible bonds and equities with arbitrage strategies involving the simultaneous purchase of a
- 17 convertible bond and the short selling of the underlying equities and a particular strategy would be
- 18 "synthetic convertible bond arbitrage" involving investments in treasury bills, short positions of
- 19 equities, and call and put options.
- 20 23. The Tenet Pitch Book stated the strategy of "convertible arbitrage provides for
- 21 positive returns regardless of the direction of the equity market" and that Tenet hedged against
- 22 directional bets in anyone security.
- 24. Beginning in or about May 2004 and continuing throughout 2004, Defendant
- 24 Hankins made the following representations to Plaintiffs in connection with proposed investments
- 25 by Plaintiffs in the Opportunities Fund:
- 26 (a) Hankins would only use a fully hedged trading strategy that limited an investor's
- 27 exposure to market risk;
- 28 (b) Hankins would preserve capital and mitigate risk through diversification;

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2 i	nvestment objective of preservation of capital and moderate risk tolerance;
3 4 to	(d) Hankins would invest only in a manner consistent with Plaintiffs' moderate risk lerance;
5	(e) Hankins would not invest a disproportionate amount in anyone single issuer;
6	(I) Hankins would engage in only conservative arbitrage investment strategies;
7	(g) Hankins' return on investment was 32.5% in 2004;
8	(h) Hankins would invest in a manner such that the fund would have low volatility;
9	(i) Hankins would follow a strategy of (fully hedged) "synthetic convertible bond"
	trage involving investment in treasury bills, short positions in equities, and call and put option tions in those same equities;
12	U) Hankins would provide consistent returns in all types of markets;
I3	(k) Tenet hedged against directional bets in anyone particular security;
14 5 inves	(1) No one investment would comprise more than 5% of the fund and in any event all tments would be fully hedged; and,
6 7 risk th	(m) The Opportunities Fund would follow a strategy to preserve capital and mitigate arough diversification of investments and hedging activities.
knew t	25. The forgoing statements were false and at the time Hankins made the statements he them to be false in that, among other things:
	(a) The Opportunities Fund incurred substantial losses as a result of Hankins and
Tenet's	decision to take large, naked short, concentrated positions in Google, Inc ("Googl") shares
resulting	g in the fund's value decreasing by approximately 20% in April 2005 and 40% in May
	at the end of April and May 2005, the Opportunities Fund $held$ collective concentrated short of $201,500$ and $260,091$ $Googl_e$ shares, respectively;
position;	(b) Hankins took no steps to mitigate risk or hedge the naked short, concentrated Googl e
which ult	(c) The Googl ^e shares represented a concentration of the Opportunities Funds' assets, imately turned into <i>liabilities</i> ;

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2	(d) Hankins and Tenet had a 20% negative return in 2004, not a 32.5% gain; Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page7 of 24 (e) At the end of May 2005, the Funds' positions in Google accounted for virtually all
3	of the Fund's liabilities and represented more than 450% of the net market value of the Fund's total
4	equity, i.e., 450% margin was used in connection with the Google position;
5	(f) Hankins engaged in speculative concentrated trading strategies, not moderate-risk
6	hedged strategies;
7	(g) Hankins and Tenet took no steps to hedge against, or mitigate, the risk of increases
8	in the share price of Google stock;
9	(h) In an effort to conceal his fraud, in or about April 2005, Hankins instructed Olympia
10	not to forward monthly reports of the Opportunities Fund's transactions to third parties, including
II	Plaintiffs;
12	(i) Hankins falsely represented there was difficulty with the reports because the fund
13	had recently changed prime brokers and there were certain internal difficulties due to a
14	misallocation of transactions;
15	(j) Hankins took over-concentrated directional (naked short) bets against one security
16	(Google) in the Opportunities Fund; and,
17	(k) Hankins invested in a manner that was highly speculative, not hedged, concentrated
18	and severely volatile.
19	26. On or about February 1,2005, Plaintiff Verona and Plaintiff Profit Sharing Plan
20	directed RBC to invest a total of \$1,148,000 in the Opportunities Fund.
21	27. Similarly, on or about March 1,2005, Plaintiff Verona and Plaintiff Profit Sharing
22	Plan directed Wachovia to invest a total of \$1,056,000 in the Opportunities Fund for their
23	respective accounts and the same Plaintiffs directed RBC to invest a total of \$1,200,000 in the
24	Opportunities Fund. Thus, on or about March 1,2005, Verona and the Profit Sharing Plan invested
25	a total of \$ 2,256,000.
26	28. On or about April 1,2005, Plaintiff Verona and Plaintiff Profit Sharing Plan
27	directed RBC to invest a total of\$750,000 in the Opportunities Fund.
28	29. On or about April I, 2005 Plaintiff Onshore Fund and Plaintiff Return Fund

- 2 Opportunities Fund for them respectively.
- 3 30. On or about May 5th, 2005, Plaintiff Onshore the Return Fund, and the Offshore
- 4 Fund directed RBC to invest a total of \$4,000,000 in the Opportunities Fund for their respective
- 5 accounts.
- 6 31. During the period February 1,2005 through and including May 5th, 2005, Plaintiffs
- 7 invested a total of \$11,629,000 in the Opportunities Fund, as follows:
- 8 (a) \$2,337,391 invested by Plaintiff Verona;
- 9 (b) \$ 1,816,609 invested by Plaintiff Profit Sharing Plan;
- 10 (c) \$ 1,310, 885 invested by Plaintiff Onshore Fund;
- II (d) \$ 1,965,097 invested by the Offshore Fund; and,
- (e) \$4,199,018 invested by Plaintiff Return Fund.
- 13 32. The foregoing investments were made as a result of and in reliance upon the written
- 14 and oral representations made by and or on behalf of Hankins, Tenet and the Opportunities Fund.
- 15 Defendants, and each of them, were aware that Plaintiffs had made and were continuing to make
- 16 substantial investments in the Opportunities Fund based upon their ongoing false representations.
- 17 33. On February 1,2005, as set forth above, Plaintiffs Verona and the Profit Sharing
- 18 Plan made their first investment in the Opportunities Fund and that same day Tenet appointed
- 19 Lehman its prime broker in consideration for Lehman having secured Plaintiffs as clients of Tenet
- and Hankins and for having secured Plaintiffs' investments in the Opportunities Fund.
- 21 34. On February 22, 2005, almost immediately after Lehman became its prime broker,
- 22 Tenet incurred a margin call at Lehman. Lehman contacted Hankins about the margin call. Hankins
- 23 did not respond to Lehman's inquiries and Tenet did not deposit assets into the account to meet the
- 24 margin call on a timely basis.
- 25 35. On March 1,2005, because of Tenet's failure to timely satisfy the margin call,
- 26 Lehman terminated its relationship with Tenet, Lehman never informed Plaintiffs that Tenet had a
- 27 margin call. The same day Lehman terminated Tenet, Plaintiff Verona and Plaintiff Profit Sharing
- 28 Plan invested a total of \$2,256,000 in the Opportunities Fund, based upon the continuing material

2	mis-representations and concealment of material facts. Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page9 of 24 36. On or about May 7h, 2005, Lehman (through its authorized agent and Senior
3	Executive, William Price), acknowledged Plaintiffs' investments in the Opportunities Fund and
4	made vague general statements regarding his regret in having promoted Tenet. However, Plaintiffs
5	were never informed of Tenet's margin calls at Lehman, Tenet's failure to satisfy the margin calls,
6	and Lehman's termination of its prime broker relationship with Tenet. Further, at no later time did
7	Price or anyone at Lehman or anyone at Olympia disclose the margin calls to Plaintiffs or that
8	Lehman had terminated Tenet.
9	37. The holder of a "short" position believes the price of a security will decrease in
10	the near future. To take advantage of this projected price decline, the account holder sells those
II	securities "short." The holder does so by borrowing shares of the company from a broker-dealer
12	and selling those borrowed shares to a third party at the current price. The borrower must thereafter
13	"repay" the lending brokerage firm with an equal number of shares at a specified date. If the short
14	seller is correct, and the price of the shares does soon drop, he can buy the shares on the open
15	market at the lower price and "repay" the brokerage firm with cheaper shares, resulting in a profit
16	to the borrower. If the short seller does not hold the shares elsewhere, or does not otherwise hedge
17	its risk by owning or purchasing some form of the position with a value expected to move in the
18	opposite direction of the shorted securities, the short position is characterized as "naked."
19	38. Despite the statements in the Tenet Pitch Book, the Opportunities Fund's Sales
20	Information materials and the statements made by Hankins that the fund's investment strategy was
21	to preserve capital and mitigate risk through diversification of investments and to be fully hedged
22	against directional activities of anyone stock, Hankins and Tenet took no steps to hedge against the
23	risk of increases in the share price of Google. The concentrated naked shorting of Goggle shares
24	was completely contrary to the investment parameters represented by Hankins and Tenet. The use
25	of 450% margin was contrary to the represented investment strategy.
26	39. To hold such naked short positions in the Opportunities Fund without
27	accompanying offsetting hedging positions was entirely contrary to and an extreme departure from
28	the investment strategy as represented by Hankins and Tenet.
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3 more than \$72 Million in liabilities due to having borrowed a significant number of Google shares to sell short. Since inception, the Fund has lost a total of approximately \$20 Million as result of the 4 5 Google short sales.

Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page10 of 24 Opportunities Fund's liabilities. Upon information and belief, as of May 31,2005, the fund had

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40. The naked short position in Google accounted for the vast majority of the

7 engaged by Tenet and Hankins to report to investors in the Opportunities Fund regarding the Funds' net asset value and other related information. Olympia is disclosed in the Opportunities 8

Fund Offering materials as the administrator for the Opportunities Fund. At all times relevant

herein Olympia was acting as the agent of Tenet and Hankins. Tenet and Olympia entered into an

41. Olympia is a professional third party fund administrator and reporting organization

- II agreement pursuant to which Olympia would prepare monthly or periodic reports of the net asset 12 value and other information concerning the Opportunities Fund for the benefit of its investors, including Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs were third party beneficiaries of this agreement and Olympia knew 13 14 that Plaintiffs relied upon the reports or should have known that Plaintiffs would rely upon the IS reports. 42. Upon information and belief, on or about April 18.2005. Olympia knew or should 16
- 18 advising Hankins that the performance data in Tenet's marketing materials was contrary to 19 Olympia's performance data for the Opportunities Fund. Further, Olympia knew or should have 20 known that Tenet had earlier (February 1,2005) incurred a margin call at Lehman and that Lehman 21 had terminated its prime broker relationship with Tenet over Tenet's failure to satisfy timely the

have known that Hankins was reporting false performance data. Olympia sent Hankins an e-mail

23 Olympia knew or should have known Plaintiffs were investing substantial amounts in the

margin call. Olympia knew or should have known that Tenet was employing 450% margin.

- Opportunities Fund, as set forth above, and knew or should have known that Plaintiffs relied upon 24 Olympia for accurate and timely reporting of the net asset value and other information regarding the 25 26 Fund. At no time did anyone at Olympia advise or alert anyone at any Claimant as to the fraudulent 27 activities being conducted by Hankins and Tenet regarding the Opportunities Fund.
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43. In early May 2005, Hankins and Tenet instructed Olympia, or Hankins, Tenet and

2 concerning the performance of the Opportunities Fund for April 2005. Pursuant to those

- 3 instructions and agreement, Olympia did not report the net asset value and related information for
- 4 the Opportunities Fund for the month of April 2005 to investors in the Opportunities Fund.
- 5 including Plaintiffs. Had Olympia prepared and forwarded the reports or not intentionally withheld
- 6 or delayed in their preparation, the decline in the net asset value of the fund would have been
- 7 apparent, Tenet's losses during April 2005 would have been disclosed (due to trades in Google), it
- 8 would have been apparent that Tenet was materially deviating from its represented investment
- 9 strategy, Plaintiffs would not have made additional investments in May 2005, and Plaintiffs could
- 10 have taken appropriate protective action.
- II 44. As set forth above, in addition to the amounts already invested by them, on or about
- May 5th, 2005, Plaintiffs Onshore Fund, the Offshore Fund and the Return Fund directed RBC to 12
- 13 invest a total of \$4,000,000 in the Opportunities Fund.
- 14 45. In its capacity as administrator of the Opportunities Fund, Olympia undertook an
- 15 obligation to prepare and to forward accurate and timely reports to investors regarding the activities
- 16 of the Opportunities Fund. Olympia intended that Plaintiffs would rely upon the reports and knew
- 17 or should have known that Plaintiffs would so rely upon the reports. Rather than fulfill its
- 18 obligations to Plaintiffs and knowing that Tenet and Hankins had engaged in the wrongful activities
- 19 stated above, Olympia entered into an agreement with Tenet and Hankins not to prepare and or to
- 20 withhold the reports from investors thereby preventing Plaintiffs from learning of the transactions
- 21 in Google, the 450% margin employed, the significant decline in net asset value, and the significant
- 22 losses. Had Olympia prepared and forwarded the reports consistent with its obligations to
- 23 Claimants and as required under its agreement with Tenet as the Funds' administrator, Tenet's
- 24 wrongful activities would have been disclosed and Plaintiffs would have been able to take
- 25 appropriate action, and additional investments in Tenet would have been avoided and losses
- 26 prevented.

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5	46. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
6	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 45, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
7	47. Section 202(II) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"), 15
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9	U.S.C. § 80b-2(11), defines investment advisers as any person who, for compensation, engages in
10	the business of advising others as to the value of securities or as to the advisability of investing in,
П	purchasing, or selling securities. Section 206 of the Advisers Act, 15 U.S.c. § 80b-6, provides in pertinent part:
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	"It shall be unlawful for any investment adviser, by use of the mails or any
13	means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, directly or indirectly-
14	(I) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud any client or prospective client "
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16	48. Defendants Hankins and Tenet are investment advisers as that term is defined in
17	Section 202(11) of the Advisers Act.
18	49. Defendants have received consideration from the Plaintiffs for providing
	investment advice and management to Plaintiffs.
19	50. Defendants, by use of the instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails,
20	employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud Plaintiffs as alleged above.
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22	51. Plaintiffs have been damaged as a result of Defendants' violation of the Advisers Act.
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24	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
25	SECONf) CAUSE OF ACTION
26	(Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins)
	California Investment Adviser Fraud
2728	52. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the

2	53. Defendants are investment advisers as that term is defined in California
3	Corporations Code Section 25009.
4	54. In engaging in the conduct described, Defendants recklessly, knowingly and with
5	intent to defraud violated and continue to violate the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968
6	California Corporations Code § 25000 el seq., in that they have received consideration from the
7	Plaintiffs for providing investment advice and management to Plaintiffs, and they have and
8	continue to:
9	a. employ devices, schemes and artifices to defraud Plaintiffs; and
10	b. engage in transactions, practices and courses of business that both operate and
П	would operate as a fraud and deceit upon Plaintiffs.
12	55. By operation of the foregoing statute, by reason of Defendants' reckless, knowing
13	and intentionally fraudulent conduct, Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs for legal and equitable
14	relief, including rescission, actual damages, interest at the statutory rate, costs and reasonable
15	attorneys' fees.
16	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
17	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
18	(Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins)
19	Tennessee Investment Advisory Fraud
20	Section 48-2-122(C). T.CA for Violation of Section 48-2-12I(B). T.C.A.
21	56. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
22	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 55, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
23	57. In engaging in the conduct described, Defendants willfully violated and continue
24	willfully to violate Section 48-2-121(b), T.C.A. in that they have received consideration from the
25	Plaintiffs for providing investment advice and management to Plaintiffs, and they have and
26	continue to:
27	a. employ devices, schemes and artifices to defraud Plaintiffs; and
28	b. engage in acts, practices and courses of business that both operate and would operate

	as a fraud and deceit upon Plaintiffs.
2	Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page14 of 24 58. By operation of Section 48-2-122(c), T.C.A., by reason of Defendants' willful
3	violations of Section 48-2-121(b) T.C.A., Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs for the damages
4	sustained.
5	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
6	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
7	(Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins)
8	Breach of Fiduciary Duty
9	59. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
10	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 59, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
II	60. The relationship of Defendants with Plaintiffs was such that the Defendants were in
12	control of Plaintiffs' funds. Defendants owed Plaintiffs a duty to act in the highest good faith in
13	handling their investmentsSe_Quffy v Cavalier, 215 Cal.App.3d 1517, 1533-34 (1989); Newton
14	<u>v. Merrill Lvnch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.</u> , 135 F.3d 266, 269 (3d Cir. 1998); <u>Twomev v.</u>
15	Mitchum, Jones & Templeton, Inc., 262 Cal.App.2d 690 (1968); Leib v. Merrill Lvnch, Pierce,
16	Fenner & Smith, Inc., 461 F.Supp. 951 (E.D. Mich. 1978).
17	61. As fiduciaries, Defendants were required to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs'
18	regarding their investments and were required not to take action contrary to Plaintiffs' interest.
19	Defendants were required to act with the loyalty to Plaintiffs.
20	62. Defendants breached their fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs by their conduct described
21	above, including making material representations and omissions to Plaintiffs regarding their
22	investments. Defendants acted in a manner designed to promote their interests to the detriment of
23	Plaintiffs.
24	63. As a result of Defendants' and each of their breaches of fiduciary duty, Plaintiffs
25	have been damaged as alleged below.
26	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
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Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page15 of 24 **FIFTH** CAUSE OF ACTION (Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins) Fraudulent Misrepresentation 64. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 63, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein. 65. Defendant Hankins was a controlling person of Defendant Tenet Opportunities Fund, and in doing the things herein alleged was acting with the authority and consent of the Opportunities Fund and Tenet. 66. Defendants Tenet and Hankins were engaged to provide investment advisory services to Plaintiffs

67. In connection with providing such investment advisory services, Defendants made material misrepresentations to Plaintiffs, and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements made not misleading, as set forth in paragraphs 21, 22, 23 and 24, set forth above. 68. At the time the representations were made regarding Tenet and the Opportunities

> (a) Did not use a fully hedged trading strategy in managing Plaintiffs' accounts; (b) Did not adhere to the strategies in the Pitch Book:

(c) Did not manage the account in the best interests of Plaintiffs and did not invest

Funds, they were false, in that Tenet and Hankins:

consistent with Plaintiffs investment objectives and risk tolerance:

(d) Invested more that 15% of Plaintiffs' accounts in one high risk stock-Google- and

(e) Had not achieved 15-20% return under all market conditions;

severely concentrated the investments in the Opportunities Fund in Google;

(I) Invested in a manner that caused extreme volatility;

arbitrage;" and,

(h) In 2004, the Opportunities Fund reported a 24% loss.

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(g) Tenet did not follow a strategy of investing in "synthetic convertible bond

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2	and justifiable reliance on said representations, Plaintiffs invested substantial monies with Tenet
3	and Hankins.
4	70. Defendants knew the representations were false and intended that Plaintiffs would
5	rely on the false representations and misleading statements.
6	71. As a proximate result of the fraudulent conduct of Defendants as herein alleged,
7	Plaintiffs have been damaged.
8	72. The conduct of Defendants was an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact
9	known to the Defendants with the intention on the part of the Defendants of damaging Plaintiffs, so
10	as to justify an award of exemplary and punitive damages.
11	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
12	SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
13	(Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins)
14	Negligent Misrepresentation
15	73. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
16	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 72, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
17	74. Defendants were engaged in providing investment advisory services to Plaintiffs.
18	75. In connection with providing such investment advisory services, Defendants
19	negligently made material misrepresentations, which were without reasonable grounds for believing
20	them to be true, and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements they made not
21	misleading, as set forth above including that Hankins and Tenet:
22	(a) Did not use a fully hedged trading strategy in managing Plaintiffs' accounts;
23	(b) Did not adhere to the strategies in the Pitch Book;
24	(c) Did not manage the account in the best interests of Plaintiffs and did not invest
25	consistent with Plaintiffs' investment objectives and risk tolerance;
26	(d) Invested more that 15% of Plaintiffs' accounts in one high risk stock-Google- and
27	severely concentrated the investments in the Opportunities Fund in Google;
28	(e) Had not achieved 15-20% return under all market conditions;

Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page17 of 24 (f) Invested in a manner that caused extreme volatility;

2	(g) Tenet did not follow a strategy of investing in "synthetic convertible bond
3	arbitrage;" and,
4	(h) In 2004, the Opportunities Fund reported a 24% loss.
5	76. Plaintiffs were ignorant of the falsity of the representations and believed them to be
6	true. Plaintiffs reasonably relied on the representations and misleading statements. In reasonable
7	and justifiable reliance on said representations, Plaintiffs invested substantial monies with Tenet
8	and Hankins.
9	77. Defendants intended that Plaintiffs rely on said representations and misleading
10	statements, and act in reliance on said misrepresentations.
II	78. As a proximate result of the negligent misrepresentations of Defendants, and each
12	of them, as herein alleged, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum according to proof.
13	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
14	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
15	(Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins)
16	Breach of Contract
17	79. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
18	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 78, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
19	80. In connection with being retained to provide investment advisory services to
20	Plaintiffs and in connection with Plaintiffs' Investments in the Opportunities Fund, Defendants
21	entered into a contract with Plaintiffs whereby Defendants agreed and were bound to perform their
22	obligations in conformity with state and federal laws, and in conformity with the parties'
23	agreements.
24	81. Defendants have breached their agreement with Plaintiffs by the acts and omissions
25	set forth above and by making material misrepresentations, material omissions, and in violating
26	state and federal law, and in failing to disclose material information to Plaintiffs regarding their
27	investments. As a proximate result of Defendants' breach of contract with Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs have
28	sustained damages as set forth below.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(Against Defendants Tenet and Hankins)
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82. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-81, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
83. A benefit was conferred on Defendants by Plaintiffs as set forth herein, and
Defendants were also paid commissions in connection with services purportedly rendered to the
Plaintiffs.
84. The benefit was appreciated by Defendants. It would inequitable for Defendants to
retain those benefits without payment to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are entitled to damages as set forth
below.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(Against Defendant Olympia Capital Associates, LP)
Breach of Contract-Third Party Beneficiary
85. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 84, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
86. Tenet, the Opportunities Fund, and Olympia entered into an agreement whereby,
among other things, Olympia agreed and undertook to prepare and send periodic reports of the net
asset value and related information concerning the Opportunities Fund to Plaintiffs and other
investors in the Opportunities Fund.
87. The Agreement and Olympia's obligations thereunder were intended to benefit
Plaintiffs, among others. Hankins, Tenet, the Opportunities Fund and Olympia knew or should have
known Plaintiffs relied upon the reports concerning the Fund.
88. At the times set forth herein above, Olympia breached the Agreement and its
obligations to Plaintiffs by failing and or refusing to prepare and send the periodic reports on a

	timely basis, as required under the Agreement.
2	Case4:05-cy-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page19 of 24 89. Plaintiffs have been damaged by Defendant Olympia's breach of the Agreement in
3	an amount to be proven at trial.
4	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
5	TENTH_ CAUSE_OF_ACTION_
6	(Against Defendants Olympia Capital Associates, LP, Tenet and Hankins)
7	Conspiracy to Defraud
8	90. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
9	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 89, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
10	91. Olympia is the fund administrator for the Opportunities Fund. Olympia provided
II	administrative and related services to the Opportunities Fund, including, but not limited to,
12	preparing and forwarding periodic net asset values and related Fund information to investors in the
13	Opportunities Fund, including Plaintiffs.
14	92. On or about April 18, 2005, Olympia sent Hankins an e-mail advising him that the
15	performance data in Tenet's marketing materials was contrary to Olympia's performance data for
16	the Opportunities Fund. Olympia knew or should have known that Tenet was deviating from its
17	stated investment strategy and had incurred substantial losses a result of concentrated naked short
18	positions on 450% margin in Google shares.
19	93. In or about April 2005, Olympia willfully and knowingly conspired with defendants
20	Tenet and Hankins to refrain from preparing and forwarding to Plaintiffs the net asset value and
21	related information for the Opportunities Fund for the month of April 2005 in order to conceal from
22	Plaintiffs the wrongful activities of Tenet and Hankins in the Fund, including the decline in net
23	asset value.
24	94. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the last overt act in pursuance of the
25	conspiracy occurred in April of 2005, when Olympia withheld or did not prepare and or forward
26	net asset and related information for the Opportunities Fund. Had Olympia prepared and forwarded
27	the reports, the funds losses during April 2005 due to trades in Google would have been disclosed,
28	it would have been apparent that Tenet was materially deviating from its represented strategy,

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2	95. As set forth above, in addition to the amounts already invested by them, on or about
3	May 5 th , 2005, Plaintiffs Onshore Fund, Offshore Fund and Return Fund directed RBC to invest a
4	total of \$4,000,000 in the Opportunities Fund.
5	96. Olympia owed Plaintiffs an obligation to prepare and forward accurate and timely
6	reports to investors. Olympia had undertaken to prepare the reports and Olympia knew that
7	Plaintiffs, among others, relied upon the reports. Olympia conspired with Tenet and Hankins to
8	conceal the Funds losses and the decline in net asset value. Had Olympia prepared and forwarded
9	the reports as required under the agreement with Tenet and consistent with its obligations as
10	administrator of the Fund, the Fund's declinc in net asset value would have been disclosed, Plaintif
II	would have taken appropriate protective action, additional investments in Tenet would have been
12	avoided and the losses prevented. Olympia and Tenet and Hankins agreed and conspired to refrain
13	from preparing and forwarding or withholding the reports in an effort to wrongfully conceal Tenet's
14	and Hankins' wrongful activities.
IS	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth.
16	F:LF:VF:NTH CAUSE, OF ACTION
17	(Aainst Defendants Olympia Capital Associates, LP)
18	Fraudulent Misrepresentation
19	97. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
20	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 96, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
21	98. Defendant Olympia represented to Plaintiffs that it would timely prepare and send
22	accurate periodic reports regarding the net asset value and related information concerning the
23	Opportunities Fund to Plaintiffs and other investors.
24	99. In connection with making the representations to Plaintiffs that it would accurately
25	report net asset and related information concerning the Opportunities Fund, Defendant Olympia
26	made material misrepresentations, and omitted to state material facts necessary to make the
27	statements they made not misleading, as set forth above.
28	100. The aforesaid representations were false. On or about April 18,2005, Olympia
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	Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page21 of 24 sent Hankins an e-mail advising him that the performance data in Tenet's marketing materials did
2	not reconcile with Olympia's performance data for the Opportunities Fund.
3	101. In early May 2005, despite Olympia's knowledge of substantial problems
4	concerning the activities of the Opportunities Fund, Olympia did not report the trading activities for
5	the Opportunities Fund for the month of April 2005, in order to conceal the activities in the fund
6	and to conceal substantial losses as result of inappropriate transactions.
7	102. Plaintiffs reasonably relied on said misrepresentations and misleading statements
8	to the effect that defendant Olympia would forward true and accurate reports to Plaintiffs, among
9	others, concerning the funds activities.
10	103. Defendant Olympia intended that Plaintiffs rely on said misrepresentations and
II	misleading statements.
12	104. Had Olympia prepared and forwarded accurate and timely reports concerning the
13	Fund's activities as it had agreed to do and as it represented to Plaintiffs it would do, the Fund's
14	losses during April 2005 due to trades in Google would have been disclosed, it would have been
IS	apparent that Tenet was materially deviating from its represented investment strategy, Plaintiffs
16	would not have made additional investments in May 2005, and Plaintiffs could have taken
17	appropriate action in connection with Tenet's and Hankins' wrongful activities.
18	105. As set forth above, in addition to the amounts already invested by them, on or
19	about May 5 th , 2005, Plaintiffs Onshore Fund, Offshore Fund and Return Fund directed RBC to
20	invest a total of\$4,000,000 in the Opportunities Fund.
21	106. Plaintiffs have been damaged by Defendant Olympia's conduct in an amount to be
22	proven at trial.
23	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
24	TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
25	(Against Defend:mts Olympia Capital Associates, LP)
26	Negligent Misrepresentation
27	107. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
28	allegations set forth in paragraphs I - 106, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

	108. Defendant Olympia agreed to provide services to administer the Opportunities Case4:05-cy-05369-P.IH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page22 of 24
2	Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page22 of 24 Fund for Tenet and Hankins and as part of such services to prepare and forward accurate and timely
3	periodic reports regarding the fund and its activities to the funds' investors, including Plaintiffs.
4	109. In connection with providing such services to administer the Opportunities Fund,
5	Olympia negligently made material misrepresentations, and negligently omitted to state material
6	facts necessary to make the statements they made not misleading, as set forth herein.
7	110. Plaintiffs reasonably and justifiably relied on said misrepresentations and
8	misleading statements.
9	III. Defendant Olympia intended that Plaintiffs rely on said representations and
10	misleading statements.
II	112. Plaintiffs have been damaged by Defendant Olympia's negligent conduct.
12	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
13	THIRTEENTH CLAIM OF RELIEF
14	(Against Defendants Olympia Capital Associates, LP)
15	<u>Negligence</u>
16	113. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
17	allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 112, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
18	114. By virtue of Olympia's activities and recommendations to Plaintiffs, Olympia
19	owed Plaintiffs a duty to exercise reasonable care.
20	115. By virtue of the acts complained of above, Defendant Olympia breached its duty o
21	reasonable care to PlaintifTs and acted carelessly, negligently and lor recklessly, so as to expose
22	Plaintiffs to an unreasonable risk of harm. Defendant Olympia knew, or in the exercise of
23	reasonable care should have known, its actions and omissions posed an unreasonable risk of harm
24	of which the Plaintiffs were unaware.
25	116. Had Defendant Olympia exercised reasonable care Plaintiffs would not have been
26	damaged, as set forth herein.
27	117. Plaintiffs have been damaged by Defendant Olympia's conduct in an amount to be
28	proved at trial.
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2	FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
3	(Against Defendants Olympia Capital Associates, LP)
4	Aidor/Abettor Liability-Violation of Cat Corn. Code Section 25504
5	118. Plaintiffs repeat, reallege and incorporate herein by this reference all of the
6	allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 - 117, inclusive of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.
7	119. California Corporations Code Section 25504 provides "every broker-dealer or
8	agent who materially aids in the act or transaction constituting the violation, are also liable jointly
9	and severally with and to the same extent as such person. , ."
10	120. Defendant Olympia was the agent for Tenet and Hankins, and is liable for aiding
11	and abetting the fraud of Hankins and Tenet, because it was aware of the fraud, helped conceal it,
12	and proximately caused the primary harm to Plaintiffs. Olympia knowingly and substantially
13	advanced the commission of the fraud by wrongfully agreeing with Tenet and Hankins to refrain
14	from preparing and forwarding the reports regarding the activities of the Opportunities Fund for the
15	month of April 2005. As a proximate result of Olympia's conduct, Plaintiffs incurred damages as
16	alleged herein.
17	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as hereinafter set forth:
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19	I'M_YER FOR RELIEF
20	I. Compensatory damages in the sum of \$ 11,629,000;
21	2. General damages in a sum according to proof at trial;
22	3. Special damages in a sum according to proof at trial;
23	4. Treble Damages;
24	5, Prejudgment and Post judgment interest;
25	6. Rescission of the Plaintiffs' investments pursuant to Cal. Corps. Code Section
26	25501, which entitles Plaintiffs to receive the purchase price of the subject security plus interest
27	thereon at the legal rate;
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Case4:05-cv-05369-PJH Document1 Filed12/27/05 Page24 of 24 7. Rescission of the investment adviser agreement between Plaintiffs and Tenet;

2	8. Consequential damages relating to Plaintiffs' loss of reputation, business and
3	ongoing management fees;
4	9. Reasonable and necessary attorneys fees, costs and expenses, if permitted by law or
5	contract;
6	10. Such other and further relief as the Panel deems appropriate under the
7	circumstances.
8	Plaintiffs demand a trial on the issues set forth above.
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10	DATED: December 29,2005 BALDWIN & MCNAMARA
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12	By: /s/ PATRICK BALDWIN
13	PATRICK BALDWIN Attorneys for Plaintiffs
14	Verona Partners, LLC; Golden Gate VI' Multi Strategy Fund, LP; Golden Gate VI'
15	Multi Strategy Offshore Fund LTO; Golden Gate Financial Group LLC Profit Sharing
16	40 IK Plan and Trust dated 6/21/2002; and,
17	Orion VI' Absolute Return Fund, LP
18	DATED: December 29, 2005 LAW OFFICES OF GEORGE P. ESHOO
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